CONSULTATIVE GROUP ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY, INC.

Report on 2001 Program Activities

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I. 2001 BASIC CGBD FACTS

The Consultative Group on Biological Diversity, Inc. (CGBD) was established in August of 1987. In December of 1987, the Internal Revenue Service and the State of New York granted the CGBD provisional tax-free status, under section 501(c)(3), as a publicly supported organization. The designation was temporary until 1992 when the CGBD received permanent status under section 501(c)3.

At the close of 2001, the Consultative Group membership was composed of 47 organizations: 46 foundations and the US Agency for International Development. Its budget for the year was $405,552.

The CGBD is housed in the Thoreau Center for Sustainability located in the Presidio of San Francisco. At the beginning of 2001, the CGBD staff consisted of three full-time employees: Lynn Lohr, Executive Director; William Hull, Program Officer; and Alicia Ushijima, Program Associate and one part-time employee: Marc Beck, Administrative Assistant.

The CGBD sponsors and acts as fiscal agent for HEFN, the Health and Environmental Funders Network, a mostly virtual network of more than 160 foundation professionals interested in the nexus of health and the environment. Consultant Kathy Sessions coordinates the project.

The CGBD is funded by program grants from its members; it is not a grantmaking organization. A Board of Directors serves as the governing body. The Board of Directors in 2001 was composed of representatives from nine member foundations. The Directors, officers and their affiliations are listed in the appendices.

II. GOALS AND PROGRAM FOCUS

Vision, Mission, Goals

The Vision of the CGBD is the conservation and restoration of biological diversity on earth.

With E.O. Wilson, we define biodiversity as "all the variety of life on Earth...the variety of ecosystems, the variety of species...and the variety of genes among the individuals of a species..."

The Mission of the CGBD is to support foundations in their efforts to conserve and restore biological diversity in order to safeguard and improve global environmental health.

The Goals of the CGBD are:

- To create partnerships among funders, scientists, NGOs and policymakers to address strategically the challenges of accelerating threats to global biodiversity.
- To increase the strategic impact of grantmaking by connecting member foundations with significant grantmaking opportunities and with respected scientific resources.
- To increase financial resources devoted to conserving biological diversity.
- To identify needs, emerging issues, strategic opportunities, and alliances for biodiversity conservation.
- To broaden the public constituencies working to protect biological diversity with emphasis on leaders and policymakers.

The Consultative Group on Biological Diversity (CGBD) entered its fourteenth year of operation in 2001. The success of consumer campaigns to underscore sustainable practices, the conservation of important marine ecosystems through the creation of marine preserves, the certification of well-managed fisheries, the international treaty on Persistent Organic Pollutants—are just a few of the projects that occupied CGBD members and filled the agendas of the CGBD working group meetings and conference calls. The protection of these gains and the urgent need to accelerate efforts to shelter endangered ecosystems command future work.

A manageably sized, high-quality membership enables the CGBD to move quickly to respond to funder interests. CGBD held a post-election briefing in December 2000 on policy shifts that might threaten the health of public lands, readying NGOs and foundation officers to move quickly on environmental challenges as 2001 began. The CGBD answered grantmaker interest in the ramifications of the California energy crisis with a series of funder calls and a rapid dissemination of NGO strategies. The impact of climate change on biodiversity was explored at CGBD meetings in 2001 and a new working group on Climate and Energy was launched in response to member interest.

CGBD leadership contributed to these developments in 2001:

New alliances have been formed with funders outside the environmental arena. The Health and Environmental Funders Network (HEFN) has emerged from the outreach activities of the CGBD's Biodiversity and Environmental Health Working Group to become a mostly virtual network of grantmakers across disciplines, eager to examine new ways of working together.

New funders are encouraged to fund internationally. Teaming with Environmental Grantmakers Association (EGA), and the Peace and Security Funders, the CGBD produced an international policy briefing in February 2001 designed to interest new funders in opportunities to make an impact in Latin America, Africa, or Asia. This briefing (seven months before September 11) also offered sessions on bio-terrorism and its effects.

Funders attempting to retard the progress of global warming and, instead move to a clean energy economy, formed a new CGBD working group. Planning began in 2001 for an April 2002 briefing.

A major consultancy investigating best practices in monitoring and evaluation within the membership was organized in 2001. Surveys and interviews will culminate in a report that will be released in 2002.

The work of the CGBD has four basic components:

- Strategic opportunities for grantmakers, mostly through our working groups
- Updating members on issues of general biodiversity conservation
- Education on emerging issues
- Services to NGOs on grantseeking information.

III. WORKING GROUP ACTIVITIES

The working groups remain the most visible face of the CGBD's strategy work. Our four working groups (forest conservation, marine conservation, biodiversity and environmental health, and climate and energy) try to meet face-to-face at least once a year, and frequently by conference call. 2001 showed steady participation or growth in each working group's activities. Several groups continued to push hard toward active strategic work — which showed in their accomplishments listed below.

FOREST CONSERVATION

The *sustainable forestry/certification* sub-group met in New York City in January 2001. The group continues to support sustainable forestry and certification worldwide, with an emphasis on the work of the Forest Stewardship Council, SmartWood, and the Certified Forest Products Council, among others. A new area of interest is the growing potential for linking certification with the land trust movement. The sub-group also met in Maryland in June 2001 with a focus on global challenges affecting progress in certification efforts. In addition, some members of this sub-group met in North Carolina in December 2001 to discuss sustainable forestry issues in that region and to encourage more Southeast foundations and donors to get involved. The core group reconvened in New York in January 2002, and will also meet in July 2002 at Wingspread in Racine, Wisconsin.

In early December 2000, the *public forests* sub-group hosted a funder briefing, "Challenges and Opportunities for Public Lands Philanthropy in 2001," in Washington, DC. The meeting began with views on likely changes in public lands policy in both the White House and the new Congress, including in-depth focus on Alaska lands issues. The agenda moved to an overview of several key conservation issues for early 2001, including: potential oil development in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, the U.S. Forest Service roadless areas plan, and protection of Alaska's temperate rainforest.

Several speakers addressed possible changes in policy and management at key federal agencies, including the U.S. Forest Service, National Park Service, Bureau of Land Management, and the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service. The meeting closed by looking at conservation opportunities in 2001, including continued work among environmentalists, hunters and fishers to advance land conservation nationwide. John Turner of the Conservation Fund provided his perspective on opportunities for environmental interests to work collaboratively with the incoming Bush Administration.

Throughout 2001, the *public forests* sub-group monitored developments in federal land and resource management. Sub-group members participated in conference calls of the "Collaborative Defense Campaign." Issues at the forefront of concern include: the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge and the development of energy policy; and the U.S. Forest Service roadless areas policy.

MARINE CONSERVATION

Through active collaboration, Working Group members continue to have a substantial impact on efforts to reform the U.S. fishery management system. Members have worked closely with a large number of conservation organizations and fishermen to develop a powerful network of organizations and collaborative projects. These organizations and projects are actively participating in decision making before the eight regional fishery management councils and the National Marine Fisheries Service. Funders have also helped establish a national information clearinghouse and coordination mechanism for the regional efforts through the Marine Fish Conservation Network in Washington, DC.

The Marine Working Group convened its annual winter meeting in San Francisco in February 2001. The meeting piggybacked upon the Annual Meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Sciences, at which a daylong symposium discussed melding the science and policy of managing marine protected areas (MPAs). Just prior to the working group meeting, SeaWeb hosted a workshop on developing a strategic message in support of MPAs.

The Marine Working Group meeting covered a wide array of subjects, including efforts to create new marine reserves in North America. The agenda focused on the developing seafood consumer movement and bringing consumer power to the conservation of wild species. Presentations on the world's coral reefs were also featured. Special guests outlined conservation efforts around Australia's Great Barrier Reef. Developing environmentally sustainable salmon farming was featured on the agenda on the meeting's second day and is a subject of continuing interest.

In the last 18 months, the Marine Working Group has added the Lazar Foundation, Jessie B. Cox Charitable Trust, Sandler Family Supporting Foundation, Tides Foundation, Environment Now, Alaska Conservation Foundation, The Helaine Heilbrunn Lerner Fund, Commission for Environmental Cooperation, Sapelo Foundation, The Virginia Environmental Endowment, J.M. Kaplan Fund, San Diego Foundation, and the CR*USA Foundation for Cooperation.

The Marine Working Group met in San Francisco in February 2002 and focused on how each foundation's program has evolved and where it might be heading.

BIODIVERSITY & ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

The group has agreed to include "ecological health" in its consultations, looking at how degraded ecosystems lead to disintegrated biodiversity and threatened animal and human health. A full-scale briefing took place on April 17-18, 2001, "Ecological Health: A New Perspective." More than 60 funders interacted with scientists and NGO leaders on subjects including climate change, toxification, and pathogen pollution. A quarterly, on-line newsletter called "Nature is Health," was inaugurated on October 1, 2001 to keep ecological health funders connected.

In the fall of 1999 as an outgrowth of this working group, HEFN was formed. To date, approximately 160 funder "partners" have signed on to investigate issues of common interest in the intersection of health and the environment.

In addition to sponsoring monthly themed conference calls, recent HEFN activities include a well-attended session on asthma at the Grantmakers in Health (GIH) 2001 annual meeting and a regional meeting held in San Francisco in March 2001 dedicated to efforts underway in Massachusetts to "operationalize" the Precautionary Principle. Attendees concluded that the Massachusetts experiment could be replicated in other states. HEFN, in turn, has gone on to sponsor two other working groups, one on antibiotic resistance, and one centered on toxic chemicals.

CLIMATE AND ENERGY

In response to a request from members representing 20 foundations, the CGBD Board of Directors authorized the formation of the Climate and Energy Working Group. The group has as its mission, "To strengthen climate change and energy grantmaking and provide a vehicle for information sharing, dialogue, strategy development and collaboration among funders."

This working group, 37 funders in attendance, met April 16-18, 2002 at the Airlie Center in Virginia. This was the first formal retreat for the group under the auspices of the CGBD. The Virginia meeting begins a series of activities for funders seeking solutions to the critical threat to biodiversity posed by the growing carbon blanket wrapping the globe.

This group has began a series of content-oriented conference calls and received an update on the country-by-country status of ratification of the Kyoto Protocol and the probable activity around climate change at the World Summit on Sustainable Development (WSSD)/Rio+ 10 in Johannesburg.

IV. OTHER PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

ANNUAL MEETING

The CGBD Annual Meeting was held in Santa Barbara, California, June 10-13. In a pre-meeting field trip funders studied island ecology. Sessions at the annual meeting included presentations on public opinion on global warming and climate change, youth advocacy, wildlife conservation, marine protected areas, shared skills in monitoring and evaluation and others. The working groups, board of directors, and horizon (planning) committee all met to plan future activities.

Planning began in July 2001 for the CGBD 2002 annual meeting scheduled for British Columbia with conference calls continuing until the actual meeting June 18 – 21, 2002, at Emerald Lake Lodge. Members and staff worked to create a new format to encourage more funder to funder discussion and involvement.

PUBLICATIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

The CGBD secretariat regularly distributes several publications to its members to keep them apprized of CGBD activities and informed about emerging issues. These publications include *Biodiversity*, a quarterly newsletter and *Nature is Health*, another quarterly newsletter distributed via e-mail listserve. The secretariat sends monthly updates to its membership, for quick reference on recent and upcoming CGBD activities. A Topica list-serve is available for members to post articles of general interest to the membership. Summary notes from CGBD working group meetings and conference calls are distributed to the working group members and available to the entire membership. Copies of the newsletter, monthly updates, and meeting notes are available for review. The CGBD also has a brochure and other background information available for distribution. The brochure includes a member list, organizational goals and a list of current program areas. These materials are available on the CGBD website www.cgbd.org.

WSSD UPDATES

As 2001 drew to a close, the CGBD began a series of conference calls on the World Summit on Sustainable Development and commissioned a consultant's report on potential funder activity designed to positively impact the Johannesburg meeting.

INTERNATIONAL BRIEFINGS

The Horizon Committee, an open to all members planning committee of the membership, met by conference call to review the possibility of international briefings. A Mexico City briefing was explored. Currently, the CGBD plans to hold its 2003 Marine Working Group meeting in Baja, Mexico and is considering a possible London or Amsterdam site for a toxics/global warming briefing late in 2002 or early in 2003.

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JANUARY-DECEMBER 2001
LIST OF ACTIVITIES

January 2001

Marine Working Group (conference call)	January 10
Annual Meeting Planning Committee (conference call)	January 16
CGBD/EGA International Policy Briefing Planning Committee (conference call)	January 17
Marine Working Group Planning Committee (conference call)	January 17
Health & Environmental Funders Network (conference call)	January 18
Ecological Health Briefing Planning Committee (conference call)	January 23
Sustainable Forest/Certification Briefing (New York, NY)	January 25-26

February 2001

Biodiversity (publication)	February 1
CGBD/EGA International Policy Briefing (Washington, DC)	February 5-7
CGBD Board of Directors Meeting (Washington, DC)	February 6
Marine Working Group Planning Committee (conference call)	February 15
Health & Environmental Funders Network (conference call)	February 16
Annual Meeting Planning Committee (conference call)	February 20
Marine Working Group Briefing (San Francisco, CA)	February 22-23

March 2001

Annual Meeting Planning Committee - COMPASS (conference call)	March 5
Annual Meeting Planning Committee (conference call)	March 6
Ecological Health Briefing Planning Committee (conference call)	March 9
Health & Environmental Funders Network (conference call)	March 15
Ecological Health Briefing Planning Committee (conference call)	March 16
HEFN Meeting - Advancing Environmental Health in CA (San Francisco, CA)	March 22
Annual Meeting Planning Committee (conference call)	March 23
Health & Environmental Funders Network (conference call)	March 23
Energy and Conservation (conference call)	March 29

April 2001

Forest Working Group: Sustainable Forest Meeting Planning Committee (conference call)	April 4
Health & Environmental Funders Network (conference call)	April 9
Ecological Health Briefing Planning Committee (conference call)	April 10
Energy and Conservation (conference call)	April 11
CGBD Membership Committee (conference call)	April 12
Health & Environmental Funders Network (conference call)	April 12
Annual Meeting Planning Committee - COMPASS (conference call)	April 13
British Columbia Conservation - update (conference call)	April 13
Ecological Health: A New Perspective (Washington, DC)	April 17-18
Health & Environmental Funders Network (conference call)	April 26

May 2001

Biodiversity (publication)	May 1
Forest Working Group: Public Forest (conference call)	May 2
Health & Environmental Funders Network (conference call)	May 11
Annual Meeting Planning Committee - Monitoring & Evaluation (conference call)	May 15
Forest Working Group: Public Forest (conference call)	May 17
Health & Environmental Funders Network (conference call)	May 17
Marine Working Group (conference call)	May 18
Annual Meeting Planning Committee - New Voices (conference call)	May 22
Forest Working Group: Southeast Forest (conference call)	May 29
Board of Directors Nominating Committee (conference call)	May 3

June 2001

Annual Meeting Planning Committee – New Technology (conference call)	June 4
Forest Working Group: Public Forest (conference call)	June 7
Health & Environmental Funders Network (conference call)	June 8
CGBD Board of Directors Meeting (Santa Barbara, CA)	June 11
CGBD Annual Members Meeting (Santa Barbara, CA)	June 11-13
Endangered Species Act (conference call)	June 21
Sustainable Forest/Certification Briefing (Queenstown, MD)	June 25-27

July 2001

Forest Working Group: Public Forest (conference call)	July 10
Forest Working Group: Southeast Forest (conference call)	July 18
Marine Working Group (conference call)	July 20
Forest Working Group: Southeast Forest (conference call)	July 20

August 2001

Biodiversity (publication)	August 1
Campaign Exxon/Stop Esso Campaign (conference call)	August 6
Forest Working Group: Public Forest (conference call)	August 14
Forest Working Group: Southeast Forest (conference call)	August 15
Forest Working Group: Southeast Forest (conference call)	August 21

September 2001

Annual Meeting Planning Committee (conference call)	September 10
Forest Working Group: Public Forest (conference call)	September 18
Health & Environmental Funders Network (conference call)	September 20
Monitoring and Evaluation (conference call)	September 27

October 2001

Nature is Health Newsletter (publication)	October 1
Annual Meeting Planning Committee (conference call)	October 2
Health & Environmental Funders Network (conference call)	October 3
Forest Working Group: Southeast Forest (conference call)	October 4
Marine Working Group (conference call)	October 10
Forest Working Group: Public Forest (conference call)	October 22
Health & Environmental Funders Network (conference call)	October 22
Annual Meeting Planning Committee (conference call)	October 23

November 2001

Biodiversity (publication)	November 1
Forest Working Group: Sustainable Forest (conference call)	November 1
Health & Environmental Funders Network (conference call)	November 7
Annual Meeting Planning Committee (conference call)	November 13
Marine Working Group (conference call)	November 15
Health & Environmental Funders Network (conference call)	November 19
Climate & Energy Working Group (conference call)	November 19
CGBD Board of Directors Meeting (via conference call)	November 20
Forest Working Group: Public Forest (conference call)	November 27
Climate & Energy Working Group (conference call)	November 29

December 2001

Sustainable Forest/Sustainable Communities Meeting (Charlotte, NC)	December 4-5
Annual Meeting Planning Committee (conference call)	December 6
European Briefing (conference call)	December 7
Health & Environmental Funders Network (conference call)	December 13
Mexico Briefing (conference call)	December 14
Marine Working Group (conference call)	December 18
Forest Working Group: Sustainable Forest (conference call)	December 18
World Summit on Sustainable Development (conference call)	December 21

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2001 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

(see footnotes below for term limits)

Herbert Bedolfe[1]	*Homeland Foundation*
Melissa Dann[2]	*Wallace Global Fund*
Lois DeBacker[3]	*Charles Stewart Mott Foundation*
Leslie Harroun[4]	*Oak Foundation*
Peter Howell[5]	*Doris Duke Charitable Foundation*
Ann Krumboltz[6]	*Brainerd Foundation*
Michael Lerner[7]	*Jenifer Altman Foundation*
Jeanne Sedgwick[8]	*David & Lucile Packard Foundation*
Camilla Seth[9]	*Surdna Foundation*
James Sheldon[10]	*Weeden Foundation*

2001 OFFICERS

Michael Lerner	*PRESIDENT*
Lois DeBacker	*VICE PRESIDENT*
Herbert Bedolfe	*TREASURER*
James Sheldon	*SECRETARY*

2001 MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

February 6, 2001	Wallace Global Fund, Washington, DC
June 11, 2001	El Encanto Hotel, Santa Barbara, CA
November 20, 2001	Board Meeting by Conference Call

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[1] Elected to Board June 1996, served as Secretary June 1996 - June 1997, elected Treasurer June 1997, elected to second term June 1998, elected to third term June 2000

[2] Appointed to fill vacancy and then elected to Board June 2001

[3] Elected to Board June 1997, elected Vice President June 1997, elected to second term June 1999, elected to third term June 2001

[4] Elected to Board June 2001

[5] Elected to Board June 2000

[6] Elected to Board June 1997, elected to second term June 1999

[7] Elected to Board June 1997, elected to second term June 1999, elected President June 2000, elected to third term June 2001

[8] Elected to Board June 1999, elected to second term June 2001

[9] Appointed to fill vacancy and then elected to Board June 2001

[10] Elected to Board June 1999, elected to second term June 2001

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2001 MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS

Jenifer Altman Foundation
Brainerd Foundation
Bullitt Foundation
Liz Claiborne & Art Ortenberg Foundation[1]
Compton Foundation
Jessie B. Cox Charitable Trust
Nathan Cummings Foundation
Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation
Doris Duke Charitable Foundation
Endswell Foundation
Environment Now
Flintridge Foundation
Ford Foundation
Foundation for Deep Ecology
Howard Gilman Foundation[2]
The George Gund Foundation
Harder Foundation
Vira I. Heinz Endowment
Homeland Foundation
James Irvine Foundation
Richard Ivey Foundation
W. Alton Jones Foundation[3]
V. Kann Rasmussen Foundation
J.M. Kaplan Fund[4]
Henry P. Kendall Foundation
Lazar Foundation
John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation
Merck Family Fund
John Merck Fund
Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation[5]
Moriah Fund
Charles Stewart Mott Foundation
Curtis and Edith Munson Foundation
Oak Foundation
David and Lucile Packard Foundation
Pew Charitable Trusts
Rockefeller Brothers Fund
Rockefeller Philanthropy Advisors
Sacharuna Foundation
Summit Foundation
Surdna Foundation
Tides Foundation
Emily Hall Tremaine Foundation
Turner Foundation
U.S. Agency for International Development
Wallace Global Foundation
Weeden Foundation
Wilburforce Foundation
Winslow Foundation

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[1] Liz Claiborne Art Ortenberg Foundation, Joined February 2001
[2] Howard Gilman Foundation, Withdrew June 2001
[3] W. Alton Jones Foundation, Withdrew November 2001
[4] J.M. Kaplan Fund, Joined June 2001
[5] Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation, Joined August 2001

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2001 CGBD SECRETARIAT

Lynn Lohr	*Executive Director*
William Hull	*Program Officer*
Alicia Ushijima	*Program Associate*
Marc Beck	*Administrative Assistant*

2001 HEALTH & ENVIRONMENTAL FUNDERS NETWORK STAFF

Kathy Sessions	*Coordinator*